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## **Press Release Announcement –September 25, 2009 - For Immediate Release**

### **Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 24 Percent From Last Year**

On September 1, 2009, Arizona had 275,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, the same as last month, but down 87,000 head from a year ago. This remains the lowest inventory since October 1, 2003. Placements totaled 28,000 head during August, a decrease of 5,000 head from a year ago. During August, the number of head marketed was 27,000, the same as last August.

On September 1, 2009, California had 455,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 50,000 head from last year, but up 5,000 head from last month. Placements totaled 53,000 head during August, a 16,000 head increase from last August. Marketings of fed cattle totaled 46,000 head, an increase of 1,000 head from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 9.9 million head on September 1, 2009. The inventory was 1 percent below September 1, 2008. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.11 million, 2 percent above 2008. Net placements were 2.06 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 425,000, 600-699 pounds were 395,000, 700-799 pounds were 515,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 775,000. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.81 million, 4 percent below 2008. This is the lowest fed cattle

marketings for the month of August since the series began in 1996. Other disappearance totaled 55,000 during August, 12 percent above 2008.

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